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I have known Mr. Shigemitsu for many years as a man strongly opposed to ~~the Japanese Military Party~~ and their policy of aggression. In 1932 he played the part of a hero when, desperately wounded by a bomb at Shanghai, he protested against the outrage being used to delay a settlement with the Chinese and used all his great influence successfully to bring about the evacuation of the town by the Japanese. As regards China generally, I always found him both then and later, in favour of a friendly agreement and against the use of force.

When Mr. Shigemitsu was transferred to the Gaimusho during the time I was Ambassador (193<sup>4</sup>-1939) I saw him frequently and always found him conciliatory and anxious to settle any difficulty amicably. We became friendly and I visited him constantly when he was Japanese Ambassador in London. I remember on one occasion when things were going very badly for us in 1940 that I asked him which side he thought would win the war. He thought for a while and then said: "I don't think the Germans will win but I don't see how you can either." In my numerous conversations from him I gathered the strong impression that he would not welcome a German victory. It was clear that he dreaded the results of such an end to the war.

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WITNESS

George A. Furness

SIGNED

Francis O. Lindley

Dec. 26, 1946

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I, Francis Oswald Lindley, a Member of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, of The Weir House, Alresford, Hants England, having been first duly sworn, make oath and say that the attached Photostatic copy is a true copy of the Statement dated 26th December 1946 given by me for use in evidence in the trial of the major war criminals for the International Military Tribunal for the Far East now sitting in Tokyo, and that such statement is in all respects true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signed) Francis O. Lindley

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to before me  
this 19th day of April 1947.

(Signed) G. E. R. Shield  
A Commissioner for Oaths.

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英領「ハムブシャ」「アレスフォード」「ウイーア、ハウス」居住  
権密願問官タル余「フランシス、オスワルド、リンドレー」ハ正式  
ニ宣誓ノ上、別添寫眞複寫ハ目下東京ニ於テ續行中ノ極東國際軍  
事裁判所第一敵殺罪犯罪人ノ審理ニ當リ證據トシテ使用スルダメ余  
ガ作成セル一九四六年十二月二十六日附凍延誓ノ眞正ナル寫デアル  
コト及ビ右陳述書ハ余ノ類リ且ツ信ズル限り誠テノ點ニ於テ眞實ナル  
コトヲ審約シ叙述スル。

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一九四七年四月十九日余ノ

前前ニ於テ宣誓署名セリ

（直譯）「ジー、イーアール、シールド」（署名）

余ハ董光氏ガロ本草園及ソノ侵略政東ニ強ク反對ナ人トシテ永年ニ亘リ。氏ヲ知ツテ居ル。一九三二年氏ハ上海ニ於テ爆弾ニヨリ致命的ナ負傷ヲシナガラ、英雄ノ如ク、此ノ暴舉ニヨツテ中國トノ協定ヲ遷延セシメヤウトスルコトニ反對シ、ウマクロ本側ノ上海撤收ニ至ルヤウ全力ヲ用ヒタ。中國全般ノコトニ付テハ氏ハ當時及其後ニ於テモ、常ニ友好的合意ニヨルコトヲ主張シ、武力ノ行使ニ反對シテ居タ。

余ガ大使デアツタ時代（一九三七—一九三九年）董光氏ハ外務省ニ轉任シテ居タノデ余ハ氏ト屢々會見シタガ氏ハ常に協調的デ如何ナル難問類モ友好的解決ヲ欲シテ居ルト思ツタ。我々ハ親交ヲ結ビ余ハ氏ガ倫敦ニ日本大使デアツタ時、斬エズ氏ヲ訪問シタ。一九四〇年事變ガ英國ニトツテ大イニ悪化シテ居タ頃、或ル時余ハ氏ニドチラガ載<sup>辛ニ</sup>勝ツト恩フカト尋ねタコトヲ思ヒ出ス。氏ハシバシ考ヘテ居タガ、「猶遠ガ勝ツトハ恩ハナイガ、英國ガドウシテ勝ツノカ見極メガツカナイ」ト述べタ。余ハ累次ノ會談カラ、氏ガ獨逸ノ勝利ヲ歓迎シナイモノデアルトノ福イ印象ヲ受ケタ。此ノ戦争ガソノヤウナ決末ヲ告ゲル時、結果ヲ氏ガ恐レテ居タノ

ハ明カデアツタ。

氏ガ對「ソ」攻撃ノ希望ヲ何等表露シタコトハ余ハ如何ナル場合ニモ開イタコトガナイ。之ニ反シ氏ハ日本ノ利益ガ平和政策ヲ要求スルコトヲ確信シテ居タノデアル。

一九四六年十二月二十六日

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證人 「ジョージ、エイ、ファーネス」